

Subject: Swedish plate money --

how much to bid for;

1931 currency -- how to obtain

directly from the U.S. Treasury?

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February 29, 1932

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secretary
American Numismatic Society
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Noe:

Enclosed please find money-order in the sum of Five (\$5.00) Dollars, being my Associate Membership dues for 1932. Please excuse delay since date of notice.

Will you please be good enough to advise me regarding the following; if possible to do so:

Mr. M.H. Bolender, Orangeville, Illinois, catalogs a sale for March 15, 1932. Therein I find four lots of Swedish copper "plate-money" - the only specimens of which specie that I have seen are in the Museum of the American Numismatic Society. I would like to bid for one of these pieces, but haven't the slightest idea of their value, or what would be considered a fair bid offer.

The descriptions follow:

1744	- 1 Daler	5 x 5-1/2"	1-lb 12 ozs
1727	- 2 Daler	6-1/2 x 7"	3-lb 7 ozs
1726	- 4 Daler	8-1/4 x 8-3/4	6-lbs 11 oz
1743	- 4 Daler	8-3/4 x 9-1/4	6-lb 6-ozs

I have written a letter to Mr. Bolender regarding this, too, but do not believe he can help me as he is conducting the sale. Can you suggest, please, what is a fair offer to bid.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Noe:

I received a copy of "The Numismat" and read the splendid reports of the Society for 1931. I note in the report that the "Washington" Quarters are expected to be distributed early this year. Are these to be distributed by any named body, or how may they be obtained? If you will please advise me regarding this, I will appreciate it very much.

I wrote to the Treasury Department sometime ago regarding Commemorative Coins (half-dollars), and they informed me that they do not sell coins but are distributed by certain Societies, of which they furnished me with a list. I then wrote to several, receiving negative reply, except one or two, which I obtained.

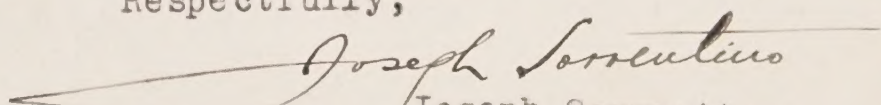
Although I patronize various dealers throughout the country, and pay them their prices, I feel that if I could obtain them directly, as they do, that I could save the "middleman's profit" as it were.

Also, may I be informed if the 1931 currency has been distributed as yet, and how may these new coins be obtained. It seems that we do not see them for many months after they are supposed to be in circulation.

I have recently purchased a few large US coppers from Mr. Henry Chapman, nice specimens from 1794 up to 1814.

Hoping that I am not abusing your patience by asking these several questions, and trusting that I may receive a reply, at your convenience, I remain,

Respectfully,


Joseph Sorrentino

March 1, 1932.

Mr. Joseph Sorrentino
81 Bay Nineteenth St.
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Mr. Sorrentino:

Your two letters at hand. Concerning the Swedish plate pieces in Bolender's forthcoming sale it strikes me the least you should bid for these is as follows:

1744 - 1 Daler.....	\$14.00
1727 - 2 " 	19.00
1726 - 4 " 	27.00
1743 - 4 " 	30.00.

The Washington quarter dollars are not out yet, nor can I find out just when they will be. They can be gotten through the Federal Reserve Bank. You can only get commemorative coins from dealers. Some of the commoner ones they sell for less than they were originally issued for, as all were originally issued for at least twice value. For one or two you will have to pay up to ten or more dollars. Most of the organizations that issued them are out of business. As a matter of fact, I know of no issue being sold now except by the dealers.

By writing the Treasury Department and enclosing a money order, postage and registration, which would include postage and registration from the two branch mints as well as those from the Philadelphia mint which you get at Washington, you can get the 1931 currency. The coinage from the Philadelphia mint amounts to \$20.11; therefore you would have to send them at least \$20.34. From the San Francisco mint nickels and one cent pieces only were issued; therefore you would have to send them twenty-five cents; from the Denver mint you would send them the same as you sent to Washington.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator